

# Page County Department of Environmental Services

## Skatepark Committee Launches Can Drive

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Throughout November, Page County citizens have a chance to recycle aluminum beverage containers and help a local cause.

The Hawksbill Skatepark Committee, representing about 40 kids who would like to see a skate park built in Stanley are collecting aluminum cans as part of a national campaign called "Cans for Cash".

Cities compete against like-sized cities in four divisions determined by population. Division 4 is for cities with populations up to 50,000. Stanley is competing against other towns like Bethel and Conway, Alaska.

One city in each division will receive a \$5,000 award for developing the most innovative ideas to promote aluminum can recycling in their community. A \$5,000 award will also be presented to the city in each division that collects the most recyclable aluminum beverage cans in a two-week period, Nov. 2- Nov. 15, 2004.

The Skatepark Committee came up with the idea of "CANnect the Community", figuring out how many cans it would take to connect Shenandoah Elementary school with Springfield Elementary if all the cans were laid end to end. It would take 300,000 cans to link the two schools but with Page County's population of 24,000, this would only be 14 cans per person.

The can drive is also registered as an official America Recycles 2004 event. The actual can

drive will continue throughout the month of November even though the Cans for Cash competition ends November 15 which is also America Recycles Day.

Drop off sites for the cans include the Shenandoah, Stanley, and Springfield compactor sites and also the Dumpster at Marathon Millworks, Inc. (across from the old Page Co-op).



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## Page County Ground Water Study

Where are the underground aquifers in Page County? Where do the underground rivers flow? In the event of a hazardous material spill, which wells would be vulnerable? Where are the most water-rich areas suitable for commercial and residential development and are some areas reaching capacity?

A study funded in part by the US Corps of Engineers and the Agua Fund of the Shenandoah Basin Project hopes to provide informa-

tion on these questions and provide insight into Page County's water resources.

It has been said that to protect a resource, you must first understand what it is you are protecting. This project sponsored by the Page County Water Quality Advisory Committee will help citizens and policy makers to make informed decisions...

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